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SUMMARY: IN 2 SESSIONS OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE FOR PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT ON 26 APRIL (CHAIRED BY CHAIRMAN VALLARTA) AND IN A SINGLE INFORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE III (CHAIRED BY CHAIRMAN YANKOV) THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ON MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION HAS EFFECTIVELY COME TO A CLOSE FOR THIS SESSION. AT THE 26 APRIL MEETING CHAIRMAN VALLARTA PRESENTED AN OUTLINE OF THE RESULTS OF HIS INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE VESSEL SOURCE POLLUTION ISSUES. ON 27 APRIL CHAIRMAN VALLARTA MADE HIS REPORT TO THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON THE OVER-ALL RESULTS OF THE WORK ON MARINE ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS. CHAIRMAN YANKOV IN-DICATED THAT THE REVISED SNT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY MONDAY
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1. APRIL 26 - CHAIRMAN VALLARTA PRESENTED AN OUTLINE ON VESSEL SOURCE POLLUTION WHICH HE STRESSED WAS PERSONAL AND INFORMAL AND WHICH WAS AN AMALGAMATION OF THREE CATEGORIES OF ITEMS RESULTING FROM HIS INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. THESE WERE: SUBJECTS OF AGREEMENT, SUBJECTS OF PARTIAL AGREEMENT, AND SUBJECTS WHERE, ALTHOUGH NO DISCUSSION HAD TAKEN PLACE (I.E., SPECIAL AND CRITICAL AREAS) HE WAS PUTTING FORTH HIS OWN IDEAS AS CHAIRMAN CONCERNING A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE. THE BASIC SPIRIT OF THE OUTLINE IS TOWARD THE SOLUTIONS ARRIVED AT IN THE EVENSEN GROUP DURING INTERSESSIONAL NEGOTIATONS. MR. VALLARTA INDICATED THAT THE QUESTION OF A 50-MILE ENFORCEMENT ZONE VS ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE EEZ HAD NOT YET BEEN SETTLED. ADDITIONALLY HE POINTED OUT THAT THE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS HAD NOT BEEN THOROUGHLY AIRED DUE TO TIME RESTRAINTS.

2. VERY LITTLE DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON MR. VALLARTA'S PRESENTATION. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INTERVENTIONS WERE BY INDIA, ECUADOR, AND AUSTRALIA. INDIA STRESSED THE POINT THAT SPECIAL AREAS HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AND THAT WHATEVER RIGHTS WERE GRANTED FOR CRITICAL AREAS MUST BE GRANTED FOR SPECIAL AREAS AS WELL. INDIA PROPOSED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO CREATION OF A THIRD TYPE OF SPECIAL AREA - A "RESOURCES SPECIAL AREA" IN WHICH THE COASTAL STATE COULD ESTABLISH ALL MANNER OF NATIONAL REGULATIONS. AUSTRALIA REPEATED ITS ARGUMENT FOR THE COASTAL STATE RIGHTS TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS DISCHARGE REGULATIONS. ECUADOR REPEATED ITS CONSISTENT TERRITORIALIST VIEW IN AN UNIMPASSIONED, UNSURPRISING, AND UNSUPPORTED INTERVENTION.

3. APRIL 27 - CHAIRMAN YANKOV RECEIVED MR. VALLARTA'S REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF HIS WORK DURING THIS SESSION WHICH INCLUDED NOT ONLY THE VESSEL SOURCE OUTLINE BUT ALSO THE WORK DONE IN THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE (REPORTED IN PRIOR DAILY AND WEEKLY REPORTING CABLES). INDIA AND ECUADOR MADE THE SAME INTERVENTIONS WHICH THEY MADE ON 26 APRIL. PERU INTERVENED WITH A LOW
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KEY INTERVENTION TO REMIND THE CHAIRMAN THAT THE SNT WAS WEAK AND BIASED AND THAT THE MAJORITY EXPECTED ITS VIEW TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE REVISION.

4. THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET BRIEFLY IN FORMAL SESSION ON 28 APRIL TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN ON THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED BARCELONA CONVENTION.
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